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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the communication dated September 29, 2006, Applicants submit the following listing of claims, which cures the deficiencies pointed out in the previous Amendment. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any other changes are required. Please substitute the following amendments to the claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.